

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
JANUARY 23, 2014

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF BRAZOS §

Present:

Nancy Berry, Mayor

Council:

Blanche Brick
Steve Aldrich
Karl Mooney
John Nichols
Julie Schultz
James Benham

City Staff:

Kelly Templin, City Manager
Carla Robinson, City Attorney
Chuck Gilman, Deputy City Manager
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary
Tanya McNutt, Deputy City Secretary

1. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum present, the Workshop of the College Station City Council was called to order by Mayor Berry at 4:33 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the City of College Station City Hall, 1101 Texas Avenue, College Station, Texas 77840.

2. Executive Session

In accordance with the Texas Government Code §551.071-Consultation with Attorney, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:35 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2014 in order to continue discussing matters pertaining to:

A. Consultation with Attorney to seek advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation; to wit:

- College Station v. Star Insurance Co., Civil Action No. 4:11-CV-02023.

- Patricia Kahlden, individ. and as rep. of the Estate of Lillie May Williams Bayless v. Laura Sue Streigler, City of College Station and James Steven Elkins, No. 11-003172-CV-272, in the 272nd District Court of Brazos County, TX
- Cause No. 12-002918-CV-361; Tom Jagielski v. City of College Station; In the 361 st Judicial District Court, Brazos County, Texas
- Cause No. 13-002978-CV-361, Deluxe Burger Bar of College Station, Inc. D/B/A Café Eccell v. Asset Plus Realty Corporation, City of College Station, Texas and the Research Valley Partnership, Inc., In the 361st Judicial District Court, Brazos County, Texas

B. Consultation with Attorney to seek legal advice; to wit:

- Legal issues related to a possible gift donation of the Estate of Robert Earl Meyer

The Executive Session adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

3. Take action, if any, on Executive Session.

No action was required from Executive Session.

4. Presentation and discussion regarding the Historic Preservation Committee EOY2013 Report and Committee recommendations for 2014 HPC programs.

Linda Harvell, Historic Preservation Committee chair, reported that the HPC and 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee accomplished the following:

- Raised nearly \$50,000 in donated funds to support the events of the 75th Anniversary,
- Secured the Title Sponsorship from Union Pacific for the exhibit at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum as well as all other sponsorships,
- Through our efforts, the City of College Station has been designated as "Train Town USA" by Union Pacific,
- Researched for the exhibit as well as located and secured items to put on display for the exhibit,
- Supported marketing efforts of the Exhibit by going on TV, radio talk shows, giving interviews, etc.,
- Supported the A&M Garden Club with their re-dedication of the Richard Carter Park in connection with the 75th Anniversary Celebration events,
- Coordinated the Homecoming and Reunion event at the Southwood Community Center for citizens and former residents from across the country (approximately 175 were in attendance),
- Planned the Vintage Car Display at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, in conjunction with the opening of the exhibit, with nearly 50 antique cars on display,
- Planned yard signs for those houses built prior to 1938, which signified the signing of the Charter for the City of College Station (approximately 50 "This house was here in 1938" signs were placed around the neighborhoods), and
- Received Docent Training at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum and provided support staff for the College Station exhibit, specifically to visiting school groups.

Ms. Harvell reported that the Historic Preservation Committee made the following recommendations for 2014:

- Continue with Exploring History Luncheons.
- Allocate donated funds left over from the 75th Anniversary Celebration as a special account for the HPC as they work with no budget at all for the following programs:
 - 1) Create a College Station History Website, similar to that of Texas City,
 - 2) Actively pursue the Historic Marker program (The application and process needs to be reviewed and simplified),
 - 3) Assign a part-time staff person to the Historic Records Coordinator to assist in getting the oral interviews transcribed, and
 - 4) Assist the City of College Station in finding a permanent display area for the dozens of historical items that have been donated to Project Hold, as well as from the exhibit at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on items listed on the consent agenda.

No items were pulled for discussion.

6. Presentation and discussion regarding the sale of the conference center located at 1300 George Bush Drive.

Chuck Gilman, Deputy City Manager, provided a brief background and financial summary regarding the sale of the Conference Center. The appraised value is \$972,477 and the appraisal estimated demolition cost is \$75,982. College Station ISD retained an architect to estimate the demolition cost, and the City and the school district agreed on an estimate for the cost of demolition at \$184,047. Taking away the estimated cost of the demolition from the appraised value, the Contract Amount is \$788,430.

Clark Ealy, Deputy Superintendent, briefed the Council of the school district's plans to turn that property into a new Center for Alternative Learning.

7. Council Calendar

<u>Jan. 24</u>	<u>BV African American Museum's 13th Annual Appreciation Banquet at CS Hilton, 6:30 p.m.</u>
<u>Jan. 27 & 28</u>	<u>Council Strategic Planning Retreat at MTF Assembly Room – 1603 Graham Road, 8:30 a.m.</u>
<u>Jan. 29</u>	<u>Council Transportation & Mobility Committee Meeting, Room 203 Conference Room A, Municipal Court - 300 Krenek Tap at 3:30 p.m.</u>
<u>Jan. 30</u>	<u>2014 CSPD Awards Banquet at Christ United Methodist Church - Hwy 6 South, 7:00 p.m.</u>
<u>Feb. 3</u>	<u>Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenways Advisory Board Meeting in Council Chambers, 3:00 p.m.</u>
<u>Feb. 6</u>	<u>P&Z Workshop/Regular Meeting (Liaison Julie Schultz)</u>
<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Executive Session/Workshop/Regular Meeting at 4:30, 6:00 & 7:00 p.m.</u>

Council reviewed the calendar.

8. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on future agenda items: a Councilmember may inquire about a subject for which notice has not been given. A statement of specific factual information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.

Councilmember Aldrich asked for an update on the facilities maintenance plan.

9. Discussion, review and possible action regarding the following meetings: Animal Shelter Board, Arts Council of Brazos Valley, Arts Council Sub-committee, Audit Committee, Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board, Bio-Corridor Board of Adjustments, Blinn College Brazos Valley Advisory Committee, Brazos County Health Dept., Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce, Budget and Finance Committee, BVSWM, BVWACS, Compensation and Benefits Committee, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Design Review Board, Economic Development Committee, Gigabit Broadband Initiative, Historic Preservation Committee, Interfaith Dialogue Association, Intergovernmental Committee, Joint Relief Funding Review Committee, Landmark Commission, Library Board, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Research Valley Partnership, Research Valley Technology Council, Regional Transportation Committee for Council of Governments, Transportation and Mobility Committee, TAMU Student Senate, Texas Municipal League, Twin City Endowment, Youth Advisory Council, Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Councilmember Benham reported on BVWACS.

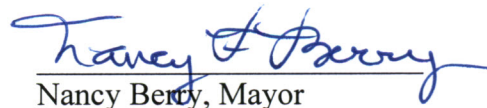
Councilmember Schultz reported on the RVP.

Councilmember Brick reported on the Transportation Committee.

Councilmember Mooney reported on the Brazos County Council of Governments, and BVSWM.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the workshop of the College Station City Council at 6:56 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2014.


Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary